(b) if so, whether the education curriculam have been brought in line with the Abhiyan curriculum; and

(c) what other steps have been taken to ensure that the madarsas follow the prevalent modern education pattern, including adoption of the teaching patterns and selection of teachers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) The Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) supports madarsas to transact the State curriculum

(c) SSA supports training of madarsa teachers to teach the State curriculum.

National Nutrition Mission in Chhattisgarh

2006. SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI. Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state.

(a) whether Government are aware that special assistance required under the National Nutrition Mission to cater the needs of girl children and pregnant women has not yet been provided to Chhattisgarh,

(b) if so, by when the funds would be released for the same; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) to (c) National Nutrition Mission was set up *vide* Gazette Notification dated 30.7 2003. No release of funds to the States is envisaged under the National Nutrition Mission. However, the Planning Commission is providing Additional Central Assistance (ACA) under National Programme for Adolescent Girls (NPAG) to all the States (two backward districts in major States and one district in smaller States) to provide food supplements to the adolescent girls and pregnant and lactating women belonging to Below Poverty Line (BPL) families. For the State of Chhattisgarh, an amount of Rs. 2.31 crore has been released till date.